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Kentucky State Capitol

INDECISION IN THE LEGISLATURE

ARE WE TO RECOGNIZE SECEEDING STATES?: THE NEWS AND AN EDITORIAL BY THE CONSITUTIONALL UNIONIST

Today marks two months since the first state, South Carolina, seceded from our Union. The most recent being Texas less than three weeks prior. While the legislature seems no closer to making a decision, we must remain firm in our decision to remain with the Union. Many fear what might happen to our great institution of slavery if we remain with the Union, but our legislature has already taken this to heart as they have already passed a resolution to recognize how important slavery is to our way of life. However, they have yet to rule on whether secession is even constitutional to begin with.

As it stands, our constitution does NOT outline any right for states to secede, nor does it outline an obligation to formally recognize said former states. I urge all who have the voice to share it: Reach out to your local legislator and confide in them your desire to maintain our Union and to disregard any state or people who claim to want secession for themselves. If we want to be able to fight to keep our slaves and keep Kentucky as it is, we must have a leg to stand on. We cannot properly fight for our rights if we aren't even a state to begin with.

"We make a great mistake in supposing all people are capable of self-government." – John C. Calhoun (1848)

STATE GUARD GROWS

The Inspector General is beginning to grow the size of the State Guard. There is no word yet as to why he suddenly feels the need to begin this rapid growth.

FUNDS TO DEFEND THE MISSISSIPPI?

An act has been proposed to take money from the state treasury to build fortifications along the Mississippi in junction with the Jackson Purchase.

SECESSION SENTIMENT?

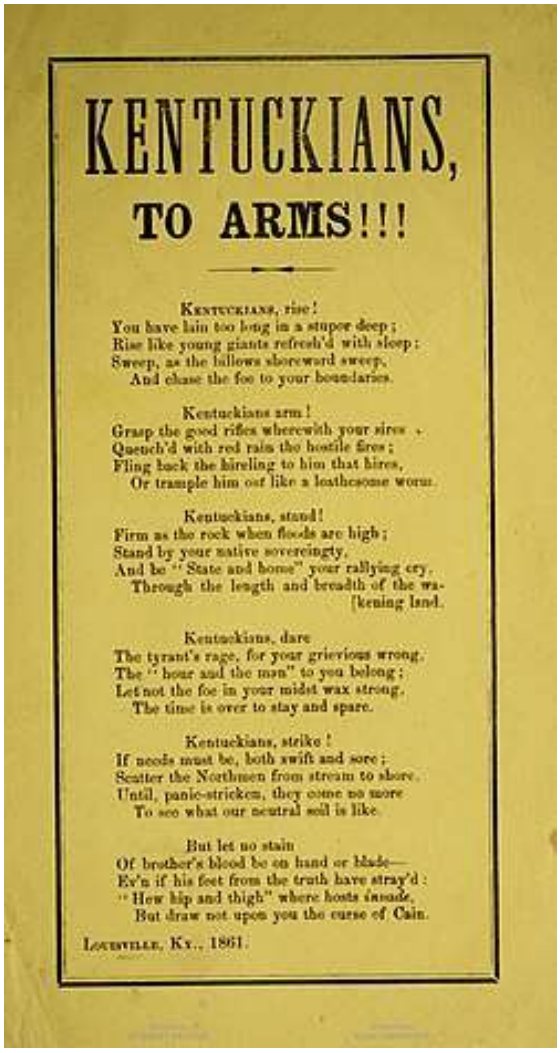
A resolution has been brought up to formally recognize all seceded states as well as their constitutional right to do as such. Amendments have already been added but a decision has not been made.

HIGHLIGHTING "A PLEA FOR REASON". WHIG M. WHIG SPEAKS ON THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE.

THE DANGERS OF LACKING REASON! SECESSIONISTS GO OFF THE RAILS

A week prior to today's publishing of the Unionist Gazette, the Pennyroyal Papers released an editorial by one Whig M. Whig. Despite Mr. Whig's self-admitted heavy bias towards the Whig party, he expressed sentiments that we here at the gazette believed deserved to be put to press for our readers here in the Cumberland Gap. As a banker, Whig understands the value of a dollar and what it takes to make that dollar down here in Kentucky. Also, similarly to your very own editor here, Whig is home grown. He is a man of both the people and has aspirations to further our economy as a whole. What follows is a paraphrasing of Whig's editorial and what we here at the Gazette would like to add:

"So now I plead… find steel in your resolve… remain faithful to Kentucky's commitment to the Union.". "Our state… would become… a battlefield… tearing our great land apart". While we agree wholeheartedly with the words of Mr. Whig, we feel the need to emphasize in addition to preserving our economic stability and peace amongst our land, we must also remember that the key to keeping both of these is preserving slavery in Kentucky. Despite our desire here at the Gazette to maintain in the Union, we will also not sit idly by while Northern sympathizers attempt to dismantle the system that we built our state upon.



KENTUCKIANS,

TO ARMS!!!

Kentuckians, rise!
You have lain too long in a stupor deep;
Rise like young giants refresh'd with sleep;
Sweep, as the billows shoreward sweep,
And chase the foe to your boundaries.

Kentuckians arm!
Grasp the good rifles wherewith your sires
Quench'd with red rain the hostile fires;
Fling back the hireling to him that hires,
Or trample him out like a loathsome worm.

Kentuckians, stand!
Firm as the rock when floods are high;
Stand by your native sovereingty,
And be "State and home" your rallying cry,
Through the length and breadth of the wa-
[kening land.

Kentuckians, dare
The tyrant's rage, for your grievous wrong.
The "hour and the man" to you belong;
Let not the foe in your midst wax strong.
The time is over to stay and spare.

Kentuckians, strike!
If needs must be, both swift and sore;
Scatter the Northmen from stream to shore,
Until, panic-stricken, they come no more
To see what our neutral soil is like.

But let no stain
Of brother's blood be on hand or blade—
Ev'n if his feet from the truth have stray'd:
"Hew hip and thigh" where hosts invade,
But draw not upon you the curse of Cain.

Louisville, Ky., 1861.

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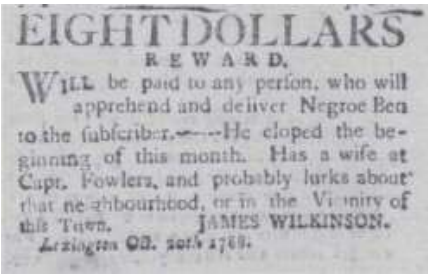
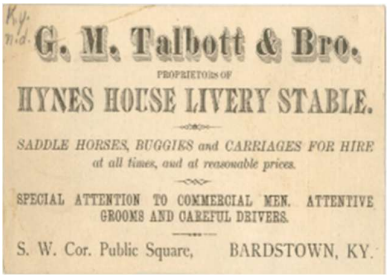


EIGHT DOLLARS REWARD.

Will be paid to any person, who will apprehend and deliver Negroe Ben to the subscriber.——He eloped the beginning of this month. Has a wife at Capt. Fowlers, and probably lurks about that neighbourhood, or in the Vicinity of this Town. JAMES WILKINSON.

Lexington Oct. 20th 1769.



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